

LEGISLATIVE SESSION OPENS AT MONTPELIER

Stanley C. Wilson of Chelsea Was Elected Speaker of the House, with Only a Slight Opposition—Harry A. Black of Newport Was Chosen Clerk

REV. J. H. WILLS WAS CHOSEN CHAPLAIN

William T. Fairchild of Fairfield Was Elected President Pro Tem. of the Senate and Guy M. Page of Burlington Was Elected as Secretary—Inauguration of Governor Thursday

The Vermont legislature convened at the State House in Montpelier to-day, pursuant to the constitution and laws of the state, and promptly organized for business. The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant-Governor Hale K. Darling of Chelsea, while the House was called to order by Secretary of State Guy W. Bates of Essex Junction. There were 242 members present in the House, out of a possible 245, and there was only one absentee in the Senate, Senator Nelson T. Aldrich of Rutland county, who was detained by illness but expected to be on hand Monday next.

In the House, the following named members-elect were not present: A. A. Briggs of Granville, Thomas Smith of Brownington and L. N. Potter of Clarendon. Announcement was made of the death of W. C. Daniels of Westmore.

S. C. Wilson Speaker of House. The secretary of state directed the election of speaker for the two years ensuing. Mr. Metzger of Randolph presented the name of Stanley C. Wilson of Chelsea, which was seconded by Mr. Moore of Ludlow, Mr. Barrett of Cabot, Mr. Howland of Barre City, Mr. Hunt of Danville, Mr. Gates of Franklin, Mr. Reardon of Brattleboro and Mr. Matot of Poulney.

Mr. Pollard of Cavendish presented the name of D. E. O'Sullivan of Cochester, which was seconded by Mr. Brooks of Montpelier and Mr. Foley of Montgomery.

The ballot resulted as follows: Mr. Wilson had 211 votes and Mr. O'Sullivan had 27, therefore the secretary of state declared that Stanley C. Wilson was elected speaker. Mr. O'Sullivan moved to make the election of Mr. Wilson unanimous, and it was so voted.

The secretary of state designated Mr. Smith of St. Albans City, Mr. Williams of Proctor and Mr. Hicks of Westchester to wait upon the speaker-elect and escort him to the bar of the House, where the oath was administered and the speaker escorted to the chair.

Harry A. Black Clerk. The speaker was received with applause as he took his position, and after a brief speech, he directed the attention of the House to the election of a clerk; Mr. Fronty of Newport presented the name of Harry A. Black of Newport, which was seconded by Mr. O'Sullivan of Cochester, Mr. Austin of Reading, Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington, Mr. Barrett of Cabot and Mr. Pirie of Williamstown. Mr. Black was unanimously elected, and after taking the oath of office, administered the oath to the members-elect.

Mr. Fenton of Rutland City offered the following resolution: "That the rules of the last session be the rules of the present session until others are adopted." Adopted.

Mr. Rierden of Barton offered the following resolution: "That his excellency, the governor, be informed that the House has completed its organization and is ready to receive any communication from him." Adopted. Mr. Rierden of Barton and Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington were appointed such committee and performed their duty.

Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven offered the following resolution: "That the clerk of the House inform the Senate that the House is organized and ready on its part to proceed with the business of the session." Adopted.

Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington offered the following resolution: "That the House now proceed to the election of a chaplain of the House of Representatives." Adopted.

Joint Resolution. By Mr. Smith of St. Albans City: "That the two houses meet in joint assembly on Thursday, Jan. 4, at 2 o'clock and 15 minutes in the afternoon, to receive the message of the incoming governor." Adopted on the part of the House.

Rev. J. H. Wills Chaplain of House. The speaker then directed the attention of the House to the election of a chaplain. Mr. Beard of Waterbury nominated Rev. J. H. Wills of Cochester; Mr. Howland of Barre City nominated Rev. Edgar Crossland of Barre; Mr. Grisdley of Windsor nominated Rev. Parker C. Manzer of Windsor. The nomination of Mr. Wills was seconded by Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington, Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven, Mr. Hunt of Danville, Mr. Matot of Poulney and Mr. Smalley of Morris-town. Mr. Stearns of Burlington seconded the nomination of Mr. Manzer, and Mr. Barrett of Cabot seconded the nomination of Mr. Crossland. The chair appointed as tellers Mr. Beard of Waterbury, Mr. Howland of Barre City, Mr. Grisdley of Windsor, Mr. Stearns of Bur-

lington and Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington. The result of the vote was: Whole number of votes cast... 239 J. H. Wills had... 146 Edgar Crossland... 65 P. C. Manzer... 28 and the speaker declared Rev. J. H. Wills elected chaplain.

Joint Resolutions. A joint resolution by Mr. Hunt of Danville, providing two daily and two weekly newspapers for the members and officers of the general assembly, was adopted on the part of the House.

The House adopted, in concurrence, joint resolutions from the Senate, adopting temporary joint rules and providing for a committee to canvass the vote cast for state officers.

The appointment of Julius A. Willcutt as first assistant clerk and Roswell M. Austin of St. Albans City as second assistant clerk, was announced.

Joint Resolution. By Mr. Beard of Waterbury: "That the two houses meet in joint assembly on Thursday, Jan. 4, at 10 o'clock and 40 minutes in the forenoon, to receive the message of the retiring governor." Adopted on the part of the House.

Fairchild President of Senate. The Senate was as expected at the House in organizing. After Lieut.-Gov. Darling had called the assembly to order, devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. Hall Long of Panton, chaplain of the House in 1906. When the roll of the members was called, Senator Chalmers stated that Senator Aldrich was unable to be present because of illness but was expected to be in attendance Monday.

On motion of Senator Peck of Chittenden county, the Senate proceeded to the election of officers. Guy M. Page of Burlington was elected secretary. Senators Peck of Chittenden and A. W. Foote of Addison asked the senators not to vote for president pro tem, and Senator Foote nominated William T. Fairchild of the town of Fairfield, Franklin county, to that office. Senator Fairchild was elected.

For the election of chaplain, F. E. Steele of Washington county presented the name of Rev. Lewis C. Carson of Montpelier; M. A. Adams of Orleans named Rev. Marcellus W. Farman of Westfield, whose name was seconded by senators from Addison, Chittenden, Rutland, Windham and Windsor counties. This resulted in: Farman 25, Carson 3, whereupon, on motion of Senator Steele, the election of Mr. Farman was made unanimous.

At this point the Senate went through the formality of notifying the House and Gov. Gates that he Senae was ready for business. M. C. Taf of Bristol was appointed assistant secretary and was administered the oath of office.

Upon motion of Senator Demeritt of Washington county, the joint rules of this session until others are provided; and on motion of Senator Foote a resolution was adopted, calling for the selection of one senator and three representatives from each county to canvass the votes for state officers. The senators on the part of the Senate were chosen as follows: Foote of Addison, Howe of Bennington, Morse of Caledonia, Hanley of Chittenden, Hubbard of Essex, Ladd of Franklin, Martin of Grand Isle, Leavens of Lamoille, Bigelow of Orange, Russell of Orleans, Aldrich of Rutland, Bancroft of Washington, DeWitt of Windham and Galy of Windsor.

Senator Foote of Addison was elected to act with the president and president pro tem in nominating the standing committees. Joint resolutions were adopted for canvassing votes for state officers this afternoon, for hearing the outgoing and incoming governors Thursday and for newspapers for the members.

STATE ACCEPTS COMPROMISE WITH TELEPHONE COS. Gov. Gates instructed Atty. Gen. Barber to Take Steps Necessary to Send Rate Cases Back to Public Service Commission.

Gov. Gates to-day made the following statement concerning the settlement of the telephone cases pending before the state and federal courts, the cases having been started during the administration of Gov. Fletcher:

"The appeal from the order of the public service commission, which order was made some two years ago, cutting down certain rates for certain classes of services pending in the United States district court, district of Vermont, have been carefully considered by me and in view of the changed conditions, changes which have come about since the order was made, including the increase of taxes assessed by the state and including the high cost of material used by the companies, and in view of a proposition made by the telephone companies to make certain improvements, I directed the attorney general to have such an agreement made as will be necessary to have the cases sent back to the public service commission for such further proceedings as will be necessary to carry out the proposed undertaking of the telephone company, looking to a general improvement of the plant and service, subject to such orders and directions as may be made by the public service commission."

Atty. Gen. H. G. Barber to-day made a supplementary statement that steps have been taken to carry out the directions of the governor in reference to the telephone company and that the necessary entries have been made and the cases have been remanded to the public service commission for further proceedings. It is understood that the proposition for the improvement and extension of the plant and service of the telephone company throughout the state will include an expenditure of upwards of quarter of a million dollars.

CENTENARIAN DEAD. Mrs. Eliza Morse Was Member of Long-Lived Family.

Brattleboro, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Eliza Morse, who observed her 100th birthday last June, being the oldest person in Brattleboro, died to-day at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. M. Abbe. She was the youngest of 11 children of James Nichols, all of whom lived to be over 90 years of age. Her husband was the late Henry Morse, a farmer. Mrs. Morse made her first cheese at the age of 10 and made butter until she was 21.

GERMANY MAY STATE TERMS OF ENDING WAR

Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg Received a Call from Ambassador Gerard, During Which He Is Believed to Have Learned of Germany's Purpose

IF UNITED STATES SHOULD AGAIN ASK

Meanwhile the War Activities Are Continuing, with the Hardest Fighting Seen on the Front in the Eastern Section, Where Teutons Keep on Winning

Berlin, Jan. 2, via London, Jan. 3.—United States Ambassador Gerard took advantage of New Year's to call yesterday to discuss the entente answer to Germany's peace proposal with Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg. The ambassador is believed to have learned what possibility there is of Germany acting favorably on a renewed request for conditions of peace should the United States make such a move.

OFFENSIVE WAS UNDERTAKEN BUT WITHOUT AVAIL

Berlin Reports That Rumanians and Russians Were Repulsed on Moldavian Front and Lost Many Positions.

Berlin, via wireless, Jan. 3.—On the Moldavian front, yesterday strong attacks were made by Russo-Rumanian forces. To-day's official announcement shows these assaults failed, with heavy losses to the attackers. The towns of Barscei and Topcei, as well as several hill positions, were captured by the Teutonic forces.

In the interior of Rumania, the Russians and Rumanians have been driven back west and south of Fokshani and the invaders are now in front of a fortified Russian position. In Dobruja, the Russians are resisting strenuously, but have been driven back further.

Austro-German raiding forces yesterday conducted successful operations in northern Galicia, in which 130 Russians were made prisoners. The statement says: "Artillery activity of a lively sort is reported in the Meuse sector of the Franco-Belgian front and a successful patrol operation near the Lorraine border."

COULD START FIRE TEN HOURS LATER

Small Murder Case Witness Said If He Had Certain Apparatus and It Was New He Could Accomplish It.

Ossipee, N. H., Jan. 3.—Answering a hypothetical question propounded by the prosecution, Dr. Bartley A. Carleton, a garage owner, who was witness to-day at the trial of Frederick L. Small, charged with his wife's murder, declared that with spark plugs, wires and other articles found in the ruins of the Small home, he could produce fire at a given time. The question put to him was: "Assuming that you had spark plugs, copper wires, an alarm clock, a coil, dry cells, gasoline and kerosene, could you set a fire to take place 10 hours afterward?" The witness' answer was: "Yes, if the materials were new."

On cross examination, the witness testified that if the location of the telephone in the Small house had been changed and the wires left in their former position, and if the stovepipe had been supported by wires, these facts could have accounted for the wire and nails found in the cellar. He also was questioned regarding defects in the spark plugs found in the ruins. Dr. Carleton also testified regarding the rope found about the neck of Mrs. Small and showed the jury just how it was tied.

PROMINENT IN FRATERNITIES. Daniel Webster Tenney Died at Age of 79 Years.

Brattleboro, Jan. 3.—Daniel Webster Tenney, aged 79, died to-day of a paralytic shock. He was the father of Elbert C. Tenney of Dummerston, a representative in the legislature.

Mr. Tenney was former manager of the late ex-Gov. Holbrook's farm. He was an Odd Fellow for 43 years, financial secretary of Oesic enactment for 32 years, trustee of Watastiquet lodge for 25 years and he was decorated with a 40-year veteran's jewel at his golden wedding three years ago.

MAN AND HORSE KILLED. Plunged off Culvert Near West Rutland in Darkness.

Rutland, Jan. 3.—Francis Kuchenski, unmarried, aged about 21 years, employed by the Vermont Marble company, was found dead yesterday morning at about 7:30 o'clock, as was the horse attached to the sleigh which he had hired at West Rutland Monday. The man was evidently killed early in the night, the accident occurring four miles north of West Rutland in Whipple hollow.

At the point where the body was found, the highway runs parallel with the Clarendon & Pittsford railroad track. It is surmised Kuchenski, in driving down a steep hill, mistook the railroad track in the darkness for the highway and turned his horse upon it. The rig struck a culvert, and the man was evidently pitched headfirst over the dashboard into a shallow stream, where he was drowned in a few inches of water, probably being stunned by the fall. The horse was in some unexplainable way killed by the plunge of only a few feet.

PROFITABLE DISCUSSIONS. VERMONT BAR ELECTION HELD

Were Held at Agricultural Extension School at Plainfield.

Plainfield, Jan. 3.—The extension school in agriculture opened here yesterday morning at 10:30 with 22 farmers in attendance. The county agent, F. H. Abbott opened the meeting with the topic, "Feeding the Dairy Cow." The talk was followed by a very intelligent discussion on the part of the farmers concerning particular questions. The fact was emphasized that a thorough knowledge of facts about the herd are absolutely necessary before the farmer can intelligently learn to feed. He should know the absolute production of cows per year and "it pounds of butter fat and milk. Cow testing associations were recommended as furnishing this foundation.

Prof. Jenks utilized the last hour of the forenoon session with a discussion of clover and alfalfa, laying particular emphasis on the alfalfa and predicting that before many years alfalfa would be as common as clover in Vermont and would certainly be much more profitable to use as a feed in connection with dairy cows on account of its high protein content, palatability and appetizing quality. Prof. Jenks said: "It corn is cheaper by far to grow slower than timothy for feeding the dairy cows even if it was necessary to reseed every second or third year as the extra price of seed for an acre nowhere near matches the ultimate returns in feeding value that can be obtained by growing these types of feed."

The afternoon session was opened at 1:30 by Prof. Jenks with a discussion of the corn crop. In starting he repeated a remark made by a former student of agriculture, who said: "It corn is king and clover is queen, then alfalfa must be the ace, whatever that means." Prof. Jenks said that Vermont farmers should grow more corn than they do, as it is one of the cheapest of the dairy feeds. He explained at length the growth, treatment and fertilization of the corn crop and urged that a particular study of varieties be made in order that the farmer should be able to select a variety for his silage purposes that would reach the grazing stage at approximately the time of the first frost, afford maximum growth of fodder and an accompanying maximum feed value content.

County Agent Abbott next took up the subject of economical rations with particular reference to roughage and their value in the ration. He advised the use of soy beans, clover and alfalfa because of their relative production per acre and their high and valuable protein content. These roughages grown and fed in connection with the silage crop, which is the cheapest roughage source of carbohydrates and energy value, will surely lead the dairy farmer on to greater success.

Thomas Moran, supervisor of cow testing associations in Vermont, continued the discussion of economical rations by figuring out economical feeding rations from feeds that can be obtained locally. The closing hour of the day was taken up by a discussion of the hay crop led by Prof. Jenks.

The evening session which opened at 8 o'clock was taken up by a lantern slide talk on clean milk by Mr. Moran, and by a very interesting talk by Mr. Ingalls, state leader of Boys' and Girls' clubs, on "Boys' and Girls' Club Work."

The students of the junior high school under Mr. Hanson attended the first part of the afternoon session in a body and a large number of the children of the village were present in the evening to hear Mr. Ingalls' talk. The school will be continued with morning and afternoon sessions, closing Friday afternoon.

LAWYERS COME TO VERMONT. Harlow G. Leavens from Michigan and Ira J. Dutton from New York.

Just prior to a recess being taken in supreme court yesterday afternoon to permit the holding of the bar association meeting two persons were admitted to practice law in the Vermont courts, having come here from Michigan and New York. Harlow G. Leavens of Lyndonville was until recently a member of the Michigan bar and Ira J. Dutton of Wilmington was formerly of the New York bar. To-day Joseph T. Fratini of Montpelier, who passed the examination several months ago, was admitted.

Opinions were read in supreme court as follows: Franklin county: Paul Desmarcher vs. Stephen N. Frost, verdict for defendant affirmed; Powers, Windham county: Sumner Ellingwood, by guardian, vs. Armon E. Ellingwood et al, decree for the orator affirmed, with dismissal of cross bill with costs; Watson, also Alfra H. Rider vs. Vermont Last Block Co., judgment affirmed for plaintiff, \$6,985.37 verdict, except as to damages, reversed and cause remanded; Haselton.

Washington county: R. C. Bowers Granite Co. vs. Drew Daniels, Granite Co. judgment for defendant affirmed; Austin T. Booth, verdict for plaintiff of \$1,075.23 affirmed; Taylor; also W. L. Johnson vs. Cass & Emerson, reversed and remanded; Watson: Albert Packett vs. Moretown Creamery Co., et al, appeal from industrial accident board, order vacated and award set aside; Taylor.

HELD AN AUTOPSY. On Body of Infant as Burial Permit Was First Refused.

Under the direction of Health Officer Dr. J. W. Stewart an autopsy was performed this afternoon on the body of Igo Ghillani, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Ghillani of 1 Bugbee avenue. The child died sometime early this morning. It is stated that the mother was unattended by a physician when the baby was born a fortnight ago and that a doctor who was called just recently refused to issue a burial permit. The post mortem examination, it was expected, would determine the cause of the infant's death.

The body was taken to the undertaking establishment of Perry & Noonan in Depot square this forenoon and as soon as the results of the autopsy are made known, preparations for the funeral will be completed. Interment will be made in Hope cemetery Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

BROKEN AXLE HELD TRAIN. Serious Recult Narrowly Averted on the M. & W. R. R. Main Line.

A broken axle on the M. & W. R. passenger train from Boston delayed the mail connections with Barre at 11:50 o'clock this forenoon, and while the suburban service, except for the omission of the noon train, was nearly normal, it was not thought that the through mail would arrive until 3 o'clock this afternoon. Not until the train neared the South Ryegate station was the axle fracture discovered. Then the train stopped. Trainmen regarded the discovery as a fortunate outcome of what might have been a serious accident. A wrecking crew was dispatched to South Ryegate with orders to expedite the work of clearing the track, and it was thought that belated mails and passengers would be in Barre by mid-afternoon.

VERMONT BAR ELECTION HELD

George Young of Montpelier, Formerly of Newport, President

BANQUET SERVED LAST EVENING

Retiring President, John W. Gordon, Gave Address Prior to Banquet

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Vermont Bar association at Montpelier to-day: President, George Young of Montpelier, formerly of Newport; secretary and librarian, John H. Mimmus of Burlington; treasurer, E. M. Harvey of Montpelier. The president was authorized to appoint a committee of three to revise the constitution of the bar association and the president will be the chairman ex officio.

President John W. Gordon's address on legislation and two memorial sketches constituted the exercises held in the Washington county court room just preceding the banquet at the Pavilion hotel last evening. Supreme and superior judges, eleven in number, were guests of the association at the exercises and banquet.

The sketch of John H. Senter, late of Montpelier, was prepared by State Librarian George Wing and read by Secretary Mimmus and the sketch of John Young, late of Newport, was prepared by ex-Gov. Josiah Grout and read by John W. Redmond, the latter making brief supplementary remarks.

Gov.-elect Horace E. Graham, Chief Justice Loveland Mimmus of the supreme court, Frank C. Archibald, Marcellus C. Webber and Justice William H. Taylor were the speakers at the banquet, the toastmaster being S. Hollister Jackson of Barre. Governor C. W. Gates was unable to attend because of slight illness and M. Oscar Dorais, K. C., Montreal bar, was unable to attend. Letters were read from ex-Chief Justice John W. Rowell, Judge Wendell P. Stafford of Washington, D. C., formerly of St. Johnsbury, and from Judge James M. Tyler of Brattleboro.

PRES. GORDON'S ADDRESS. Took for His Topic "Legislation" in Speaking to Lawyers.

President Gordon's address to the bar association last evening had for its topic, "Legislation," and the speaker said: "It is often humorously stated that Vermont's first constitutional convention adopted the laws of God and Country, and that the legislature would have time to frame better ones. If the framers of our first constitution did set such a task, we doubt if they anticipated that it would be uncompleted after the lapse of 140 years. But such appears to be the case, and some may query how far the laws of God, not to mention those of Connecticut, have been improved.

"That there have been many changes, substitutions and revisions is known. We have had approximately thirty thousand enactments, some of which have contained numerous provisions. Without an actual count, and excluding general revisions, we may safely conclude that our legislature has made more than two hundred thousand distinct alterations of, or additions to, our laws in 140 years. Our modest little volume of 866 sections in the revision of 1878 has expanded into one of over seven thousand sections in the proposed revision of 1917. The Justinian code contained only 4,000 enactments. Our lawmakers have certainly been busy bees, but have they produced

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MISS NORA ADAMS DROWNED HERSELF AT BURLINGTON

Well Known Young Woman Had Been Patient in a Sanitarium There Because of Overwork and Worry.

Tidings reached here late last night of the death by drowning of Miss Nora C. Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Adams of the Montpelier road, whose body was found near the north beach of Lake Champlain in Burlington. A message received by the young woman's parents made certain in a tragic manner the fears which relatives and close friends of Miss Adams had felt when it became known that she disappeared in the afternoon. She had been a patient in the Lake View sanitarium for six weeks and it was while she was exercising with some of the attendants that her absence was noted. The deceased was very well known in Barre and her untimely passing is mourned by many friends.

The body will arrive in Barre from Burlington late this afternoon and arrangements for the funeral will be announced later.

The Free Press of Burlington gives the following account of the tragedy: "The body of Miss Nora Catherine Adams of Barre, who while out exercising yesterday afternoon eluded her attendants at the Lake View sanitarium, was found about 9:30 o'clock last evening in three feet of water about 15 feet from shore on the north beach, where she had walked into the water to take her life, following a nervous breakdown due to too close concentration to business and suffering with the hallucination that she was in danger of becoming insane. The body was found by John Broadwell, an employe at the stable of the sanitarium, who was dragging the lake-in company with his brother.

"Miss Adams had been at the sanitarium about six weeks. Her illness began upon her last October, when she became highly nervous. In spite of her condition Miss Adams kept her employment and worked up to within four days of Thanksgiving day, when she came to the sanitarium for treatment and rest. Yesterday afternoon she, with other patients at the sanitarium, was taken out by nurses for exercise. Miss Adams, who was in her usual mood, left the party, stating to the nurse that she was going to the barn for a ride. She was gone but a short time when one of the attendants followed. When she was not found at the barn her footprints were traced down through the grounds of the sanitarium to the bank leading to the Rutland railroad, thence down an incline to the beach. There her coat was found but no trace could be seen of her in the water.

"Those in charge of the sanitarium were of the opinion that Miss Adams might have attempted to find her way home. The police were notified and a general alarm was sent out.

"A boat was procured by Broadwell and he, with his brother, dragged the lake in the vicinity of the place where the woman's footsteps led to the water. They did not look onto the body with the grapple but discovered it by means of the moonlight and a white swan which the woman wore. Broadwell immediately made his way to the police office and Chief of Police Russell and Health Officer Dr. F. J. Ennis went to the beach, where the body was taken from the water and to the rooms of Read & Dower, undertakers.

"Miss Adams was an expert stenographer and bookkeeper, being employed by the C. P. Gill company at Montpelier. She was especially keen at her work, being exacting at estimating, etc. She was a woman of pleasant personality and had many friends who learned of her illness with sorrow. Her mother received a most optimistic letter from her Monday in which she stated that her condition was much improved and she would soon be able to go home.

"Miss Adams was 34 years of age, being born in Scotland on Aug. 21, 1882, the daughter of Alexander and Bessie Cooper Adams. She came to America with her family when about three years of age and had lived in Barre about 27 years. She had enjoyed the best of health up to the time that business caused nervousness, living at home with her parents. Besides her parents she is survived by two brothers, Walter F. Adams of Worcester, Mass., and W. G. Adams of Barre. The latter was summoned to this city last evening and will take the remains home to-day."

BUSINESS MEN'S DINNERS. Series of Four During Winter Months Arranged.

Through the enterprise of the Barre Board of Trade, an attractive series of four business men's dinners has been arranged for the month of January, February, March and April. The first dinner will be served at Hotel Barre on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 11. A speaker no less prominent than W. A. Clark, president of the New England Coal Dealers' association, will be engaged for the evening. Mr. Clark is a resident of Northampton, Mass., and a member of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. His speech will consist of timely remarks relating to the coal situation and a thorough investigation of the conditions under which coal is mined and transported at the present time has enabled him to gain much first-hand knowledge of some of the problems confronting users and distributors of coal. The dinner will be served early in the evening in order to allow the speaker ample time for his remarks.

Tickets selling at \$4 each for the series may be obtained from W. G. Reynolds, president of the Board of Trade, W. D. McDonald, president of the Granite Manufacturers' association, D. J. Morse, H. P. Hinman, H. A. Phelps and J. E. Higgins. It is expected that other topics to be considered by the speakers at future dinners will include traffic and transportation, publicity and merchandising.

RECEIVERS APPOINTED For A. W. Gray's Sons, Manufacturers at Middletown Springs.

Rutland, Jan. 3.—D. D. Woodard of Granville, N. Y., A. Y. Gray of Middletown Springs and Henry Spallholz of Poulney have been appointed receivers for A. W. Gray's Sons, manufacturers of machinery at Middletown Springs, on petition of the Bangles Machine Co. of Poulney through A. Y. Gray, president. The appointment was agreed to by the directors of the Middletown concern.

Contingent upon the passage of a bill which the city council has requested Representative F. G. Howland to introduce in the present session of the general assembly, the county jailer will have to look to the prisoner for pay instead of the town or municipality whence he was committed when the detention is the result of delinquency in the matter of paying taxes. Legislation that has been agitated in the city council of Barre and elsewhere for some time may be brought about through a motion carried at the regular meeting of the council last evening when the clerk read a proposed amendment to act No. 615 of the public statutes, which will radically change one of its sections. Within the past two years the city charity department has been called upon to pay several large board bills contracted by persons who were committed from Barre to the county jail for non-payment of taxes. If the proposed amendment becomes a part of the act, the prisoner so detained will pay his board bill out of the accumulation of his savings as a laborer during the period of his detention.

More concessions to the Central Power Co., which is seeking franchise rights in Barre, are to be made as the result of action taken after a letter from Charles H. Thompson to Alderman Glysson had been read. The company's representative reaffirmed his request for a copy of the franchise which the council proposes to grant and through the medium of a motion offered by Alderman Healy, the clerk was authorized to forward a copy of the draft to the corporation after making certain changes. Mr. Thompson quoted from a letter written him by the Ridgeway Dynamo & Engine Co., stating that from 15 to 23 months would be required to deliver dynamo of the type desired by the company. For that and other reasons, Mr. Thompson reiterated his assertion that the council should give the corporation more ample time in which to extend its wires from East Middlebury to Barre.